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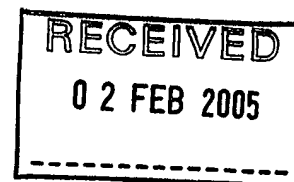
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(54) Implantable prosthesis

(57) An implantable prosthesis (20) for repairing a tissue or muscle wall defect is disclosed. The implantable prosthesis comprises a layer of repair fabric (22) that is susceptible to the formation of adhesions with tissue and organs, the layer of repair fabric including an inner body with a first surface and an outer margin extending from the inner body, the outer margin including an outer

peripheral edge, each of the inner body and the outer peripheral edge having a thickness, the thickness of the outer peripheral edge being less than the thickness of the inner body, and a barrier layer (24) that inhibits the formation of adhesions with tissue and organs. The barrier layer is configured to inhibit the formation of adhesions between at least a portion of the first surface and adjacent tissue and organs.

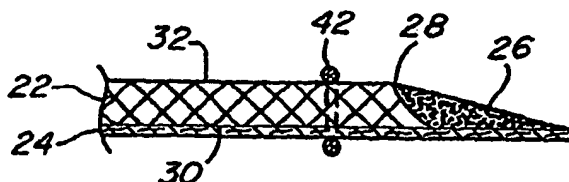


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